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- ON ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INTEGRATION

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1. JANUARY 29 LOCAL PRESS GIVES FIRST GLIMPSE OF RESULTS
EGYPTIAN/SUDANESE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL AND
ECONOMIC INTEGRATION, WHICH ENDED ITS MOST RECENT SESSION
JANUARY 25. MAJORITY OF MEETING APPARENTLY SPENT IN
REVIEW OF PAST JOINT DECISIONS (REFTEL). AGREEMENT
REPORTEDLY REACHED, HOWEVER, ON NEW PROPOSAL TO ISSUE
"UNRESTRICTED" IMPORT LICENSES FOR EGYPTIAN/SUDANESE
TRADE. PROPOSAL WOULD PERMIT TRADE BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND
SUDANESE IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS WITHOUT INTERVENTION OF
EITHER GOE OR GOS. DETAILS OF THE NEW PROPOSAL REPORTEDLY
WILL BE HAMMERED OUT DURING MEETINGS OF JOINT TRADE
COMMITTEE WHICH BEGAN ITS WORK JANUARY 28 IN CAIRO.
PRESS ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT GOODS WILL BE SUBJECT TO
"WORLD PRICE CONTROLS" AND LIMITS OF TRADE PROTOCOL.
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(PROTOCOL, ACCORDING TO PRESS, WILL BE SIGNED FEBRUARY 1.
TOTAL 1978 TRADE BETWEEN EGYPT AND SUDAN EXPECTED TO TOP
1977 BY \$56 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 30 PERCENT.)

2. JOINT TRADE COMMITTEE (STILL MEETING IN CAIRO)
REPORTEDLY APPROVED FORMATION OF 2 SUBCOMMITTEES DEALING
WITH TRADE AFFAIRS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS. THE COMMITTEE

IS ALSO EXPECTED TO TACKLE TAX EXEMPTION QUESTIONS FOR TRADING COMPANIES BEFORE CONCLUDING ITS DISCUSSIONS SOME TIME THIS WEEK.

3. LOCAL PRESS JANUARY 29 ALSO REVEALS THAT PM SALEM WILL MEET WITH SUDANESE VICE PRESIDENT TAHER IN ABU SIMBEL DURING LAST HALF OF FEBRUARY TO COMPLETE MEETING OF HIGHER MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE. ABU SIMBEL VENUE WILL GIVE LIFE TO PLANS FOR UNIFICATION OF WADI HALFA AND ASWAN GOVERNORATES, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. EILTS

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